

Selectmen's Minutes  
12 January 2001  
4:00pm

The Chair, Jack Steiner at 4:00pm called the public hearing on the Bond Issue to order. Those present included George Lagassa, Lloyd Sullivan (Selectman), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

The members of the North Hampton Forever committee provided an overview of the use of the requested \$4,000,000 Bond Issue. Mr. Philip Wilson provided an overview of the North Hampton Forever goal: to protect and preserve open space, farm, and recreation land for future generations. Mr. Wilson provided an overview of the remaining developable land in Town. He noted that there were approximately 1300 acres. A goal of North Hampton Forever was to protect to place approximately 800 upland acres through conservation easements. Mr. Mark Ganotis addressed the cost avoidance and savings associated with the preservation and protection of open space land. Avoiding residential development would reduce additional infrastructure costs for schools and roads along with rolling stock necessary for road maintenance. Mr. Tim Harned addressed the time to benefit versus the cost of the Bond.

Mr. Sullivan asked if the citizen's petitioned ordinance requiring a 100' set back from wetlands would diminish the total amount of developable acreage. Mr. Wilson believed that it would not. Mr. Sullivan also asked whether or not the program would wind-up placing a cap on taxable property. Mr. Ganotis said it would not. Finally, Mr. Sullivan asked if it would prevent development in the commercial / industrial zone along Route 1. The group said it would not. Mr. Sullivan also asked for their support with the Board's efforts to better develop the Route 1 corridor.

There being no further questions to come before the Board the public hearing adjourned at approximately 4:50pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator